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Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

I strongly object to the proposal not to label foods that have been irradiated. Proponents say that irradiation of food has been deemed safe and therefore labeling is not needed. Is this based on any long term (20-40 years) scientific data? Using uranium mill tailings for building foundations (Grand Junction, CO) and smoking cigarettes were once deemed safe by the medical community. That was before long term study data was analyzed.

I would like to exercise my freedom of choice when selecting irradiated foods. I believe this is my right and the government's duty to protect it.

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